

***Arlington School Committee Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
5:30 PM***

*Community Relations Subcommittee
Arlington High School School Committee
Room 869 Mass Avenue, 6th Floor Arlington,
MA 02474*

Opening Remarks

Public Participation

Approve Minutes of October 1, 2014 meeting

Finalize the parent survey

Plan for a parent forum (Common Core and New Assessments)

District dashboard

Future topics and subcommittee meeting dates.

Adjournment

Paul Schlichtman, Chair of the Community Relations Subcommittee

**The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

***Stated times and time amounts (listed in parenthesis) are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.*

Submitted by: Bill Hayner, Chair, Arlington School Committee



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ATTACHMENTS:

Type		Description
Backup Material		Draft minutes from 10 1 2014 Comm Relation Mtg

Community Relations Subcommittee
October 1, 2014
DRAFT Minutes

Present:

Subcommittee members Judson Pierce, Jennifer Susse, Paul Schlichtman
William Hayner
Mike Stern VIS2020 Education Task Group
Julie Brazile VIS2020
Superintendent Kathleen Bodie

Called to order at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Stern presented the results from the Vision 2020 Education Task Group poster at Town Day. Dr. Susse presented some potential survey questions that parents provided to her.

Superintendent Bodie presented a Parent Engagement Survey from the National Center for School Leadership. (www.ncfsl.org) They will distribute, analyze results. Questions are benchmarked to national data. The cost of the survey is \$1000. Committee members discussed the use of the NSfSL survey, and

We can add 10 locally-specific questions if we use the NCFSL survey.

Dr. Susse asked that we can talk about adding questions regarding scheduling (calendar), school start time, half-days, and parent communications.

Dr. Susse talked about adding a question getting a financial wish-list from parents,

Mr. Pierce suggested the five-year plan should be posted on our website so people understand the constraints.

Superintendent changed from opt-in to opt-out for school email lists. No active parents asked to be taken off the email list.

Ms. Brazile talked about the three questions the school department can add to the V2020 annual survey that goes out with the town census.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda will include finalizing the parent survey, planning for a parent forum (Common Core and New Assessments) and a district dashboard.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attachments:

Vis2020 Town Day survey

Susse questions

NCfSL Parent Survey offering



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